

“SALUTE TO PUTNAM COUNTY”

by Mrs. Stella Bohannon

Mrs. Stella Bohannon’s Salute to Putnam County Chosen by U T for Presentation over WSM:

Mrs. Stella Bohannon’s “Salute to Putnam County” was chosen by the Public Relations Department of the University of Tennessee for presentation over Station WSM at 9:45 o’clock yesterday morning. Honorable mention was give the entries of Mrs. Estalle Rippetoe Howard and Miss Ella V. McCaleb.

Mrs. Bohannon is to be congratulated on her winning article, which gave a great deal of information about the County. The article is as follows:

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“Top o’ the morning to you, from Putnam County.”

Putnam County was established in Middle Tennessee in 1842, and to perpetuate the name and Revolutionary services of General Israel Putnam, was given his name.

The county has made rapid progress since the first stage coach rumbled over the “Old Walton Road.” Fine state highways stretch across the county like broad white ribbons, east and west, north and south. Automobiles and buses will take you over those roads through some of the most beautiful scenery in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Central railroad traverses the county east and west. Over this railroad is shipped fine building stone from local quarries, and beautiful pottery manufactured from the rich clay deposits. All finds of implement handles, and hardwood flooring is shipped over the United States and to foreign countries.

Cookeville, the county seat is the home of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, which ranks among leading colleges. It has one high school, three grammar schools, and seven handsome church building of different religious denominations and two substantial banks that withstood the onslaught of the depression. A shirt factory, a shoe factory, an ice cream plant, three bottling plants, several lumber industries, and a municipally owned light and water plant are also at Cookeville.

Other progressive smaller towns of Putnam County are: Algood, Monterey, and Baxter, each with splendid schools and prosperous business houses. Baxter Seminary in Putnam County stands as a school where the ambitions boy or girl is never turned away.

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